

APPROPRIATION FOR EXPENSES OF PARTICIPATION IN  
EXPOSITION AT LIEGE, BELGIUM.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

A COPY OF A COMMUNICATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND LABOR SUBMITTING AN ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION FOR EXPENSES OF PARTICIPATION IN EXPOSITION AT LIEGE, BELGIUM.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,  
*Washington, February 2, 1904.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress copy of a communication from the Secretary of the Department of Commerce and Labor, dated January 26, 1904, inclosing copy of a translation of a note addressed to this Government by the Belgian minister to the United States and submitting an estimate of appropriation in the sum of \$25,000 to enable the United States to take official part in the international exposition to be held at Liege, Belgium, during the year 1905.

Respectfully,

L. M. SHAW,  
*Secretary.*

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR,  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,  
*Washington, January 26, 1904.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith a translation of a note addressed to this Government through the Secretary of State by the Belgian minister to the United States, giving notice that an international exposition will be held at Liege, Belgium, in 1905, under the

patronage of the Belgian Government, and inviting the United States to participate.

The Belgian Government was represented most liberally at the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago, and has made a grant of \$120,000 toward its participation in the coming Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis. In view of the attitude of the Belgian Government toward the expositions mentioned, and of the fact that in the opinion of the Department the industrial and commercial interests of the United States would be greatly promoted by the acceptance of the invitation so courteously tendered, it is recommended that Congress be asked to appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to enable the United States to be creditably represented at the coming Belgian Exposition.

Without presuming to dictate the form of the legislation asked for, it is suggested that an act in the following terms would readily meet the necessities of the case:

To enable the Government to take official part in the international exposition to be held at Liege, Belgium, during the year nineteen hundred and five, twenty-five thousand dollars: *Provided*, That no liability in excess of the appropriation shall be incurred and that the commissioners, to be selected by the Department of ———, shall serve without compensation.

Very respectfully,

GEO. B. CORTELYOU,  
*Secretary.*

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

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[Translation.]

BELGIAN LEGATION,  
*Washington, D. C., March 16, 1903.*

MR. SECRETARY OF STATE: I have the honor to inform your excellency that a universal and international exhibition will be opened at Liege in the month of April, 1905.

The enterprise is placed under the high patronage of His Royal Highness the Count of Flanders and the active presidency of His Royal Highness Prince Albert of Belgium.

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My government would most highly appreciate the valuable cooperation of the the United States for the success of this exhibition.

I am instructed to invite the United States Government to participate in the universal and international exhibition of Liege by sending official delegates.

In applying to this end to your excellency, I avail myself of this occasion to renew to you the assurances of my high consideration.

BARON MONCHEUR.

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